

POOR ROBIN, 1696.

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ALMANACK

Of the Old and New Fashion

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An EPHEMERIS jestingly Solid, and Jo-
cosively Serious, wherein the Reader may find
(if he be elevated two Degrees beyond Hobbade-
boody's Capacity) many Excellent, Remarkable
Things, worthy his choicest Observation.

Containing a Twofold Kalendar;

Viz. The Julian, English, or Old Account, and the
Round-heads, Whimzey-heads, Maggot-heads, Pa-
per-sculld, Slender-witted, Muggleronian, or Fanatick
Account, with their several Saints Days, and Obser-
vations upon every Month.

Being the BISSEXTILE, or Leaping-Year.

Written by POOR ROBIN, Knight of the
Burnt-Island; a Well-willer to the Mathematicks.

The Four and Thirtieth Impression.

The World's a School, where (in a general Story)
God always reads dumb Lectures of his Glory.
A pair of Stairs, wherein by certain steps,
Our mounting Soul above Heaven's Arches leaps:
A Bridge, whereby we may pass o'er at ease
Of sacred Secrets the broad boundless Seas.

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THE EPISTLE.

A Book without an Epistle is like a Bag-pudding without *Sue*, or a handsome Wench without a Sweet-heart: But you will say, what is this to the Purpose; What is an Almanack in Comparison to a Book? Yes, I say an Almanack is a Book, and a very useful Book too; and of such high Esteem with the Country-man, that he will not undertake a Journey (although it be but of a Ten Miles length) until he hath consulted with his Almanack, to know what Weather will happen at that time; and if it prove not out accordingly, he ready to be angry with the higher Powers for frustrating him of his Expectation. But besides, there are many other good Uses to made of Almanacks, for thereby the good Wife knows where the Sign is when to geld her Cocks, and the old Wife when to cut her Corns; and were it not for this, we should have no Capons, and the old Woman would go limping all the Days of her Life. Moreover, when an Almanack is out of Date, the Leaves thereof will serve to make your Back-side bright, and are very useful about such privy Matters. And I think this is enough in Vindication of Almanacks, and therefore till next Year, Farewel.

And those who do not like of this Epistle,
Let them lay down the Book and go and whistle.

P. R.

The Regal TABLE.

Kings and Queens.	Born anno.	Began to Reign.	Reigned Y. M. D.	Since their Reigo ended	Buried at
William 1	1023	1066 Oct. 14	20 11 22	609 Sept. 9	Caen, Norman.
William 2	1057	1087 Sept. 9	12 11 18	596 Aug. 1	Winchester
Henry 1	1068	1100 Aug. 2	35 4 11	561 Dec. 2	Reading
Stephen	1105	1135 Dec. 1	18 11 18	540 Oct. 25	Feverham

The Saxon Line restored.

Henry 2	1132	1154 Oct. 25	34 9 2	507 July 6	Fonteverard
Richard 1	1155	1189 July 6	9 9 0	497 April 9	Fonteverard
John	1165	1199 April 9	17 7 0	484 Oct. 19	Worcester
Henry 3	1207	1216 Oct. 19	56 9 1	424 Nov. 16	Westminster
Edward 1	1239	1272 Nov. 16	34 8 6	390 July 7	Westminster
Edward 2	1283	1307 July 7	19 7 5	370 Jan. 25	Gloucester
Edward 3	1312	1326 Jan. 25	50 5 7	319 June 21	Westminster
Richard 2	1366	1379 June 21	22 3 14	297 Sept. 29	Westminster

The Line of Lancaster.

Henry 4	1367	1399 Sept. 29	13 6 3	283 Mar. 20	Canterbury
Henry 5	1384	1413 Mar. 20	9 5 24	274 Aug. 31	Westminster
Henry 6	1421	1422 Aug. 31	1 38 6	16 237 Mar. 4	Windfor

The Line of York.

Edward 4	1442	1460 Mar. 4	22 1 8	213 April 9	Winchester
Edward 5	1471	1483 April 9	0 2 18	213 June 22	Not known
Richard 3	1448	1483 June 22	2 2 5	211 Aug. 22	Leicester

The Families United.

Henry 7	1455	1485 Aug. 22	23 10 24	181 April 21	Westminster
Henry 8	1491	1509 April 21	37 10 2	148 June 28	Windfor
Edward 6	1537	1546 Jan. 28	6 5 8	142 July 0	Westminster
Q. Mary	1518	1553 July 16	5 4 11	138 Nov. 17	Westminster
Q. Elizabeth 1	1533	1558 Nov. 17	44 4 7	94 Mar. 24	Westminster

The Two Kingdoms United.

James	1	1566	1602 Mar. 24	22	0	3	71 March 27	Westminster
Charles	1	1600	1625 Mar. 27	23	10	3	48 Jan. 30	Windfor
Charles	2	1630	1648 Jan. 30	36	0	7	11 Feb. 6	Westminster
James	2	1633	1684 Feb. 6	3	9	0	Abdicated in December, 1688.	
William	3	1650	1689 Feb. 13	whom God grant long to Reign.				
Mary	2	1662						

A Table of Interest at six Pounds per Cent.

	1 Month.				3 Months				6 Months				9 Months				a Year.			
	sh.	p.	q.		sh.	p.	q.		sh.	p.	q.		sh.	p.	q.		sh.	p.	q.	
Shill.	5	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	1	3	0	1	2	0	3	2				
	10	0	0	2	0	1	3	0	3	2	0	5	0	0	7	6				
	15	0	0	3	0	2	2	0	5	1	0	8	2	0	10	2				
Pounds.	1	0	1	0	0	3	2	0	7	0	0	10	2	1	2	7				
	2	0	2	1	0	7	0	1	2	1	1	9	1	2	4	2				
	3	0	3	2	0	10	2	1	9	1	2	7	3	3	6	3				
	4	0	4	3	1	2	1	2	4	2	3	6	3	4	9	0				
	5	0	6	0	1	6	0	3	0	0	4	6	0	6	0	0				
	6	0	7	0	1	9	2	3	7	0	5	4	2	7	2	1				
	7	0	8	1	2	1	0	4	2	1	6	3	1	8	4	2				
	8	0	9	2	2	4	2	4	9	1	7	1	3	9	6	3				
	9	0	10	3	2	8	1	5	4	2	8	0	3	10	9	0				
		po.	sh.	p.		po.	sh.	p.		po.	sh.	p.		po.	sh.	p.				
Tens of Pounds.	10	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	6	0	0	9	0	0	12	0				
	20	0	2	0	0	6	0	0	12	0	0	18	0	1	4	0				
	30	0	3	0	0	9	0	0	18	0	1	7	0	1	16	0				
	40	0	4	0	0	12	0	1	4	0	1	16	0	2	8	0				
	50	0	5	0	0	15	0	1	10	0	2	5	0	3	0	0				
	60	0	6	0	0	18	0	1	16	0	2	14	0	3	12	0				
	70	0	7	0	1	1	0	2	2	0	3	13	0	4	4	0				
	80	0	8	0	1	4	0	2	8	0	3	12	0	4	16	0				
	90	0	9	0	1	7	0	2	14	0	4	1	0	5	8	0				
	100	0	10	0	1	10	0	3	0	0	4	10	0	6	0	0				

Interest at 6 per Cent. we count but small,
 Were not Extortion mixed therewithal;
 But Scriveners by their Art it higher brings,
 For Procuration, Writings, and such things:
 Whereby the Borrowers Sorrows are increas'd
 To Ten Pound in the Hundred at the least.

A Table shewing how many Years Purchase, a Lease or Annuity, to endure for any Number of Years, under 33 is worth at Interest, upon Interest at 6 per Cent. and without Casualty.

Purchase.

Years of a Lease	Years.	Months.	Parts.
1	0	11	0
2	1	9	9
3	2	8	1
4	3	5	0
5	4	2	5
6	4	1	0
7	5	7	0
8	6	2	5
9	6	9	6
10	7	4	3
11	7	10	7
12	8	4	6
13	8	10	3
14	9	3	6
15	9	8	5
16	10	1	3

The Explanation of the TABLE.

The First Column, towards the Left-hand, shews the Years of a Lease, or Annuity; and right against each Year, are the Years, Months, and decimal Parts of a Month's Purchase that such a Lease is worth.

Purchase.

Years of a Lease	Years.	Months.	Parts.
17	10	5	6
18	10	9	9
19	11	1	3
20	11	5	9
21	11	9	3
22	12	0	5
23	12	3	4
24	12	6	6
25	12	9	4
26	13	0	0
27	13	3	5
28	13	4	1
29	13	7	1
30	13	9	5
31	13	11	1
32	14	1	6

The EXAMPLE.

Suppose a Lease or Annuity to continue 10 Years, and you would know how many Years Purchase it is worth in ready Money, look in the Table for 10 Years of a Lease to the Left-hand, and against the same you will find 7, 4, 3. which shews that your Lease of 10 Years is worth 7 years, 4 Months, and 3 Tenth Parts of a Month's Purchase.

*Whose Lands are never of so large Extent,
When buried, with six Foot must be content.*

A Brief Chronology of memorable Things, since the horrid Murder of *K. Charles the First.*

Alderman *Boyle*, the Regicide hanged himself — 47
 the Rump rid the Nation with a Barb'd Bridle — 47
 Old *Noll* set them besides the Saddle — 43
 Old *Noll* went to Heaven or Hell in a Hurricane — 37
 his Son *Dick* cloathed his Soldiers in Mourning without
 and the Drapers in Mourning within, because the Cloth
 was never paid for — 45
Brasshew cheated the Hangman, and died in his Bed — 39
 that Fool's Bauble the Committee of Safety sat — 38
 the happy Restauration of *King Charles the Second* — 36
 11 of the King's Judges died by a Hempen Squinancy, — 34
Tom Venner and his Complices were hang'd all but the
 head — 31
Phillips, Tongue, Gibbs, and Stubbs were executed — 34
 the great Plague in *London*, whereof died 97351 — 31
 the Fire in *London*, which consumed 13200 Houses — 30
King James the Second was Crowned, April 23 — 11
 the Duke of *Monmouth* shot at Lime — 11
Monmouth's Army routed and he beheaded — 11
King James left the Kingdom in 1688 — 8
 the Lord Chancellor *Jessies* died in the Tower — 7
King William and *Queen Mary* proclaimed Feb. 13 — 7
King William and *Queen Mary* magnificently Crown'd
 April 11 — 6
 the Duke of *Grafton* was killed — 6
King William went with an Army to *Ireland* — 6
 the dismal Nights for Thunder and Lightning, Aug. 13, 14
 and 20. — 6
 the last great Frost, and deep Drifts of Snow — 3
 Which caused many a Man to have a Cold,
 And tongue t'd Women that they could not scold, — 3
 the Great Victory over the French Fleet May 19 — 4
 the Earthquake in most Parts of *England*, Sept. 8 — 4
 the French Navy coopt up in the Straights by the English, — 4

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A Brief Chronology of other things

Since the Cocker of *W.* told his Wife he heard the had made him a Cuckold, to which she replied, indeed Husband it was not I, it was your Neighbour the Knacker of *W.* that did it.

Since an Apprentice boy, at *London*, going to a Bakers for a Two-penny Loaf, the Boy complained it was very small: O Boy (quoth the Baker) it is the sober eaten; whereupon the Boy laid him down Six Farthings, the Baker saying that was not enough, O Baker (quoth the Boy) it is the sober told, and so ran home with his Loaf, and

Since Three Bum-Bayliffs fetch'd a *William* from his Maid serving, for beating them and refusing their Drisfiter.

These were but simple Rogues, on whom I lay

A handsome Beating that not thrown away.

Since the Apprentice finding his Mistress had locked up the Copy-board Door, nailed up the Door of the House of Office, saying, *That if they could but have the Use of the one, they should not have any Use for the other.*

Since Alderman *Hayle* prescribed the riding Knor for a Medicine for the Cure of all Diseases.

And tis infallible, as hath been tried

By many Hundreds more than a befide.

Since a Neighbour of mine having been at *London*, a Woman asked him what News there? Who told her, there was an Act out that every Man should have Two Wives; where (said she) I'll never believe that, for there is not one married Man in *Ten*, but he finds enough, if not too much of one Wife.

Since *H. H.* of *R.* dreaming one Night that Thieves were robbing his House, he very manfully drew his Sword, went down Stairs, and ran a Sack of Meal quite through; and thinking he had killed one of the Thieves, called his Man up, to show them what a manful Act he had done.

Since *M. W.* of *R.* complaining that his Corn was eat up of Mice, was asked why he did not keep Cats, he replied that he kept 300 Cats, and they eat up his Corn for all that.

January hath xxxi days.

First Quarter 1 day, 49 minutes past 9 before noon.

Full Moon 9 day, 16 minutes past 6 in the morning.

Last Quarter 17 day, at 10 in the forenoon.

New Moon 24 day, 16 minutes past 5 in the morning.

First Quarter 30 day, 49 minutes past 11 at night.

1	New-year's day	head	Come infuse in me your skill,
2	St. Stephen	neck	Lasses on Parnassus Hill,
3	St. John	neck	That in thunder thumping Lines
4	St. Innocent	arm	From warble forth my Rhimes;
5	After Christ	hand	That each line it may afford
6	Twelfth day	shoulder	Here and there a cramping Word,
7	St. Edmund	breast	For Men with Folly are so cramm'd,
8	St. Lucian	breast	That pleases best few understand.
9	Agapere virg.	heart	The wind blows cold, the weather
10	Sun in Aquar.	and	The beggars now do skulk in straw (rain
11	W. L. B. Can. m.	back	Whilst those whose means are some what
12	After Epiph.	breast	Do warm their noses by a fire (higher
13	St. Hilary Bish.	shoulders	Sack, Hippocras now, and burnt Brandy
14	St. Felicia	reins	Are drinks as warm & good as can be
15	St. Maurician	and	But if thy purse won't reach so high,
16	St. Marcellus	loins	With Ale and Beer thou want supply,
17	St. Anthony Ab.	secrets	For as we are by Sages taught,
18	St. Prisca virg.	secrets	That liquor's good for mornings draught.
19	After Epiph.	thighs	Observations on St. Paul's Day.
20	St. Sebastian	thighs	If St. Paul's day be fair and clear,
21	St. Agnes virg.	knees	Such may be many more that year;
22	St. Vincent	knees	And if it chance to rain or snow,
23	St. John Bapt.	legs	Those may be met abroad that go:
24	St. Timothy B.	legs	If that the winds should prove aloft,
25	St. Con. St. Paul	feet	Then down do tumble Trees full oft,
26	After Epiph.	feet	And if that Clouds do dark the Sky,
27	St. Christopher	head	Some Men and Women that fear the,
28	St. Carol. Mag.	head	And if so be it thunder do,
29	St. Theodore	neck	Ten to one it lightens too.
30	St. ONYMPIUS	and	
31	St. SYLVESTER	head	

Observations on January.

The Pot now freezeth by the Fire's side,
And Men and Boys upon the Ice do slide;
The Shepherd Swain doth sit and blow his Nails,
And Milk comes frozen from the Field in Pails.

1	<i>Tho' Christmas day</i>	8	23	52	This Month, the Weather
2	<i>be gone and past</i>	8	63	54	being cold, shall Conary have
3	<i>Let good house-keeping</i>	8	43	56	more Followers than a weak
4	<i>longer last.</i>	8	33	57	ing Quaker at a Holding.
5	<i>Halt-nos'd Peg.</i>	8	23	58	forth. Strawberries & Hone-
6	<i>Augustine Garland</i>	8	04	60	sty now will be scarcer than
7	<i>Tarquin</i>	7	59	4	Frost and cold Weather;
8	<i>The Weather's cold</i>	7	57	4	yes green Pease will be at
9	<i>and frosty still,</i>	7	55	4	plentiful as Snow in Dog-
10	<i>which makes man cling</i>	7	54	4	days. Those Maids that are
11	<i>so close to Will.</i>	7	52	4	troubled with the Green-
12	<i>Alderman Hoyle</i>	7	51	4	sickness, let them eat Horse-
13	<i>Hobbsadeboody</i>	7	49	4	radish, Pellitory of Spain,
14	<i>Tom Verner</i>	7	48	4	and Green-ginger pie, if
15	<i>Roger Hodgkin</i>	7	46	4	these work not the Effect,
16	<i>When Rebels rise</i>	7	45	4	let each of them marry a Un-
17	<i>against their King</i>	7	43	4	fly young Man, and what
18	<i>At last they do.</i>	7	41	4	with Currain-Exercises and
19	<i>in Halkers swing.</i>	7	39	4	the help of Mother Mid-
20	<i>Giles Pritchard</i>	7	38	4	night, they shall not need to
21	<i>Jonas Allen</i>	7	36	4	fear of an effectual Cure. A
22	<i>Leonard Gowler</i>	7	35	4	great Dispute now at the
23	<i>John Pym</i>	7	33	4	Coffee-House, whether Men
24	<i>Bubbling Beatrice</i>	7	31	4	first go: the Pox from Wo-
25	<i>Gammer Gorton</i>	7	29	4	men, or Women from Men.
26	<i>Lazarillo</i>	7	27	4	Look about you good Peo-
27	<i>Vincent Potter</i>	7	26	4	ple, for there are many
28	<i>Fatal to England</i>	7	24	4	abroad.
29	<i>was the day.</i>	7	22	4	
30	<i>When Rebels good</i>	7	20	4	
31	<i>K. Charles did slay.</i>	7	18	4	

February hath xxix. days.

Full Moon 8 day, 10 minutes past 2 in the morning.
 Last Quarter 15 day, 21 minutes past 12 at night.
 New Moon 22 day, 20 minutes past 3 afternoon.
 First Quarter 28 day, 43 minutes past 3 afternoon.

Saints	Days	Signs	Now should my life in raptures big
1	St. Valentine	arms	Heightened with strains of Poesy,
2	St. Peter	arms	Sound forth such verse, deserving praise,
3	St. Blasius	breast	Should Admiration in Men raise;
4	St. Veronica	hand	But alas! What boots it if
5	St. Agath	thom	best strains of Poesy or Wit?
6	St. Dorothy	heart	Are not look'd on, nothing regarded,
7	St. Zachary	heart	Nor for Encouragement rewarded.
8	St. Sol in Palaces	house	Hang it for one, the Author's dull,
9	St. Septragesima	and	A Braggart Fool, a Paper-stud,
10	St. Scholastica	elly	Each line he writes with judgment such
11	St. Euphrosina	reins	Fit only for an Almanack.
12	St. Firm ends	ocies	All! A take heed, perhaps he's bit
13	St. Wolfstan	secrets	Or know not what belongs to this
14	St. Valentine	secrets	But thanks to him it is condemning
15	St. Paulina	thighs	What's Judgment is not understanding
16	St. Sexagesima	and	For it is true, as all men know,
17	St. Diocorides	hips	That Ignorance is Learning's foe.
18	St. Concordia	keels	
19	St. Sabine	knives	Cold weather does not yet expire,
20	St. Mildred	legs	Men quench their thirst still by the fire
21	St. Mary's	legs	Tastens by Gams small gains and loss
22	St. Peter's Shaw	feet	Men will have liquor in a flaggon, Con
23	St. Grove Sunday	feet	But for their business they sh'ld mind
24	St. Michael's	head	Splendous now serve instead of candle
25	St. Victorine	head	To light Tobacco, for that's the wonder
26	St. Ash-Wednesday	neck	What's left i' th' shire is gain'd i' th'
27	St. Nequa	neck	(hundred
28	St. Augustin	arms	And if that do no work his ends,
29	St. Roman	arms	A notched Chalk shall make amends.

Observations on February.

In each four Years 'tis February's Lot, *VENUS FROM PARIS*
That she hath Nine and Twenty Days then got, *VENUS FROM PARIS*
Only in each Four Years, for in the others *VENUS FROM PARIS*
She hath the Portion of a younger Brother, *VENUS FROM PARIS*

M.D.	Sinners.	Sunt.	Sunt.	You that have good Wives
1	Damaris Page	7	16	44 is not every Man's Fortune
2	Harry Martin	7	14	46 to be so sped; I mean not
3	Some are of such	7	12	48 such Wives as are profess'd
4	a Temper fix,	7	10	50 Students in the Academy of
5	Of Knave and Fool	7	8	52 Complements, and excellent
6	equally mixt.	7	6	54 good at the slipping off of
7	But in some Men,	7	4	56 whipe Cream and Silabubbes
8	I understand,	7	2	58 but such a one as is so select
9	The Knife doth get	7	0	60 only knowing, as to make
10	the upper-band	6	58	52 a good Receipt against the
11	Errcklayers of Solice	6	56	54 Rhies in Summer, & against
12	Tom Tinker	6	54	56 stinking Breaths, all the
13	Young men and maids	6	52	58 year long; although that
14	would much repine	6	50	60 arch wag Monsieur Marston
15	Should we forget	6	48	12 was of Opinion, that a Wo-
16	Saint Valentine.	6	46	14 man knew more than the
17	Froth the Tapster	6	44	16 ought, if the knew any thing
18	Joan Cromwell	6	42	18 beyond what belongs a re-
19	Saturday Jack	6	40	20 House-keeping, and the
20	Du Vall	6	38	22 bringing up of her Chil-
21	Hannam	6	36	24 dren. <i>Mercutio</i> is in Conjun-
22	Madg Howlet	6	34	26 ction with <i>Venus</i> , this de-
23	Pauakes and Pritters	6	32	28 notes that <i>Lovers</i> and
24	about do fly,	6	30	30 Gamsters Oaths, are no
25	And many Cocks	6	29	31 like the latter end of a Ser-
26	by Cudgels die.	6	28	32 venter's Bond; for they nei-
27	German Princels	6	26	34 ther stand, remain, nor a-
28	Pasquill	6	24	36 vide, in either full flower
29	Little John	6	22	38 Force, Effect, nor Vertue.

March hath xxxi days.

Full Moon 8 day, 51 minutes past 7 afternoon.
 Last Quarter 16 day, 23 minutes past 10 at night.
 New Moon 23 day, at 1 in the morning.
 First Quarter 30 Day 22 minutes past 9 before noon.

1	Quadragesima	breast	
2	Chad. B. Lin.	and	The Sun now with his radiant Coach
3	Slale	from	Unto the Ram makes his approach,
4	Sir H. Hide m.	heart	At which time (as in books 'tis penn'd)
5	Eusebins	heart	The Spring begins, Winter doth end,
6	Frideline	bowels	Yet often after this (I know)
7	Perpetua	and	The earth hath cover'd been with snow
8	2 Sund. in Lent	belly	And Frosts so hard that it would make
9	Agaspice	reins	(tho' gloves were on) your fingers ache
10	Cuniber	secrets	When weather's thus, say what they
11	Gregory P. C.	secrets	I say Winter continues still. (will)
12	Theodore	secrets	Physicians now would us persuade
13	Leo Bish.	thighs	To fall into the Physick Trade,
14	3 Sund. in Lent	thighs	They'll make you well tho' ne'er so ill
15	Boniface	knees	Such mighty power lies in their skill,
16	Gerrude	knees	And questionless but that there may
17	Edward	legs	Be some which do as they do say,
18	Joseph	legs	These are Galen's adoptive sons:
19	Cuthbert Bish.	feet	But there's a sort of other ones,
20	Benedict	feet	Who Hangman like, and shameless too
21	Mid-lent Sund	head	Are paid for Murders that they do,
22	Theodore	head	The Bodies Butchers, silly Fools,
23	Zacharias	neck	Fit only for to fill Close-stools,
24	Annum. Mary	neck	Impostors that to sick Men give (True)
25	Castor	arms	Physick, that they themselves might
26	Martian	and	Whose Chantry cures doe make Men
27	Dorothy	should	(wise)
28	Passion Sunday	breast	To heal the gashes of their Purse.
29	Quide	breast	From all such Quacks let thy prayer be
30	Adelme	heart	That God he would deliver thee.
31			

Observations on March.

Refulgent *Jol*, begins to gather Strength;
 And Days and Nights are of an equal length:
 The Birds their warbling Notes begin to take,
 And *Lady-day* doth Landlords merry make.

1	What will the welshme	6	19	5	41	
2	think ye say	6	17	5	43	Now the Spring approach-
3	This Year is no	6	15	5	45	ing, many of your Amber-
4	St Taffy's day	6	13	5	47	grease Gallants, as brave Gen-
5	James Naylor	6	11	5	49	dlemen as the Taylor can
6	Madam Creswell	6	9	5	51	make them, shall go woo-
7	Levellings Ludlow	6	6	5	54	ing to rich Heiresses, being
8	Friar Bungey	6	4	5	56	strongly provided with ho-
9	Now Farmers they	6	2	5	58	ney Words, Sugar-candy ex-
10	do Barly sow, (beer	6	0	5	60	pressions, and most delicious
11	From whence strong	5	58	6	2	ences; being likewise
12	and ale doth grow.	5	56	6	4	for without Store of stew'd
13	Mother Damnable	5	53	6	7	Anagrams, bak'd Epigrams,
14	John Dixwell	5	51	6	9	ous'd Madrigals, pickled
15	John Ven	5	49	6	11	Roundelays, broil'd Sonnets,
16	Verkin Warbeck	5	47	6	13	and par-boil'd Elegies; but
17	All Men will find	5	45	6	15	alas their Luck is like to be
18	if they it try,	5	43	6	17	ought, for as the World
19	Honesty is	5	41	6	19	goes now, No Penny no Pa-
20	best Policy	5	39	6	21	er-Noster, and those who
21	Mother Redcap	5	37	6	23	have no Lands but what lies
22	Massanello	5	35	6	25	beyond Reach, will hardly
23	Gregory Clement	5	33	6	27	reach at such Fortunes.
24	Tom Coriat	5	31	6	29	
25	Our Lady Day	5	28	6	32	Who goes to meet above his rank,
26	doth merry make	5	26	6	34	'Tis ten to one meets with a Blank,
27	All such who then	5	24	6	36	For tis not parts, nor yet good break,
28	have Rent to take.	5	22	6	38	But Money now that does the deed.
29	Will, Say	5	20	6	40	
30	Madg. with the Lant.	5	18	6	42	
31	Devil of Mascon	5	16	6	44	

April hath xxx. days.

Full Moon 7 day, 10 minutes past 11 before noon.

Last Quarter 14 day, 42 minutes past 5 after noon.

New Moon 21 day, at 11 before noon.

First Quarter 29 day, 41 minutes past 2 in the morning.

1	b	Theodore	heart	
2	a	Mary Egypt	heart	Pied April now in all his tride,
3	b	Richard Bish.	bowels	Puts spirit of Youth in every thing,
4	c	Ambrose	bowels	The Sun dissolves the Mountain Snow,
5	d	Palin Sunday	reins	And Western Winds more gently blow,
6	e	Egesippus	and	Still as the day on the World weeps,
7	f	Perpetuus	loins	One Blossom after th' other peeps, (bound
8	g	Dionysius	secrets	Fill the small Flower, whose root in
9	a	Menud. Thursd.	secrets	Gets from the prison of the Ground,
10	b	Good Friday	chighs	The warm sun heats the hardened earth,
11	c	Leo Pap.	chighs	Making it tender, and gives Birth
12	d	Easter Sunday	knees	To Swallows dead in hollow Trees,
13	e	Easter Monday	knees	To Cuckoos, and to humble Bees,
14	f	Easter Tuesday	legs	A quire of chirping Minstrels bring
15	g	Olympia	legs	In triumph to the World the Spring,
16	a	Idore	feet	Earth changeth hairs, and grass we see
17	b	Colmic	feet	Dye cloath the fields, and leaves the
18	c	Valerian	feet	The swelling waters they do sink (tree
19	d	Low Sunday	head	Within the Compass of their Brine,
20	e	Victor Mar.	head	South winds the Spring attending still,
21	f	Adelarius	neck	Becalm the Seas and Sails do fill,
22	g	Emanuel	neck	The Shepherds of rich Flocks, rehearse
23	a	St. George	arms	And to their Pops chant rural Verse,
24	b	Wilfride	arms	Seeking his God-head to appease
25	c	Mark Evang.	breast	Whom flocks and hills Arcadian please
26	d	2 after Easter	breast	The naked trees get crisped heads,
27	e	Anastatus	heart	And coloured coats the roughest moulds
28	f	Vitalis Mar.	and	And they with growing Glory rise,
29	g	Term begins	back	That lately fetter'd were with Ice.
30	a	Erkenwald	bowels	

Observations on April.

Now buds the Trees, and springeth Grass and Corn;
The Cuckow comes, Neighbours beware the Horn;
Cuckolds there are, but take this Note from me;
'Tis not the good Wife's fault if so they be.

Sun r. Sun f.

1	Doctor Faustus	5	44	6	45		
2	Hewson the Cobler	5	42	6	48	The 13 and 14 days of this	
3	Care not too much	5	40	6	50	Month is full Term at Illig-	
4	for this time, that	5	38	6	52	don, Mackney, Nottingham, Nils-	
5	Too much of Care	5	36	6	54	end, &c. The Holy days are	
6	will kill a Cat.	5	34	6	56	the days of return, the Holy	
7	Zanippe	5	32	6	58	and hostesses the Lawyer,	
8	Will, Purfoy	5	30	6	60	Bottle-beer, Cakes and Ale,	
9	Owen Bowd	4	58	7	2	are the Causes to be tried,	
10	Frank the Fidler	4	56	7	4	the Guests are the Clients,	
11	The Sun is now	4	54	7	6	Chalk the Ink, a Board the	
12	to Taurus ran,	4	52	7	8	Paper, and the Bar-boy	
13	Then leave off Toasts	4	50	7	10	the Judge and Jury, who	
14	and Warming-pan.	4	49	7	11	most commonly charge in	
15	John Berkstead	4	47	7	12	Damages against all his Cl-	
16	Miles Garber	4	45	7	13	ents. Now the Spring be-	
17	John Okey	4	43	7	14	gins to operate, which will	
18	Gregory Hangman	4	41	7	15	cause more to go wooding	
19	Daniel Broughton	4	39	7	16	than a speeding; however,	
20	Pacolet	4	38	7	17	Wit and Valour will be two	
21	Julian of Croyden	4	36	7	18	shrewd Temptations to work	
22	L. Preston	4	34	7	19	on the Affections of Women,	
23	Now loving Cit	4	32	7	20	as the ingenious Hudibras	
24	his Wife doth bring	4	30	7	21	doth express it	
25	Abroad, to hear	4	28	7	22		
26	the Cuckow sing.	4	27	7	23	Valour's a Mouse trap, Wit a Gun,	
27	But is not he	4	25	7	24	Which Women oft are taken in.	
28	a simple Drone,	4	23	7	25		
29	The Cuckow sings	4	22	7	26		
30	all Day at home?	4	20	7	27		

May hath xxxi days.

Full Moon 6 day, 45 minutes past 11 at night.

Last Quarter 13 day, 33 minutes past 10 in the forenoon.

New Moon 20 day, 52 minutes past 9 at night.

First Quarter 28 day, 12 minutes past 8 at night.

1	b	Philip & Jacob	bowels	Now hills and woods in rich array
2	c	Achanasius	bowels	Welcome the coming in of May.
3	d	3 after Easter	reins	Flora from her green lap throws
4	e	Christopher	reins	The yellow Cowslip, and Primrose.
5	f	Godard	secrets	This is the time the Eastern Morn
6	g	Jo. Port. Lab.	secrets	With Summer robes the Plains adorn.
7	a	Statur	thighs	When at Aurora's radiant Ray
8	b	Apparicio S.M.	thighs	Whose early rising breaks the day,
9	c	Gregory Naz.	knees	Calls Ladies from their beds to view
10	d	4 after Easter	knees	Sweet Maia's pride, and colour'd hue
11	e	Sum in Gent.	knees	Of downy-breasted Flora's dressing,
12	f	H. Stafford m.	legs	When hills & dales do boast her blessing
13	g	Sernarius	legs	On every Bush doth hang a pearl,
14	a	Gordian	feet	And Hobbinol invites his Girl (neft)
15	b	Sophia	feet	To walk the fields betimes with quick
16	c	Col. Petrus m.	head	To cure her of a fear'd Green-sicknefs.
17	d	Rogat. Sunda	head	
18	e	Potentius	neck	At Iflington, and Primrose-hill,
19	f	Bernard	neck	Your Belly you with Cakes may fill,
20	g	Urbanus	arms	With nappy Ale, but this I say
21	a	Ascension-day	arms	When you have done then you must pay
22	b	Desiderius	breast	Else Haste! she will look askint,
23	c	William	and	If Pocket that have nothing in't,
24	d	6 after Easter	stom.	For Money that doth answer all things.
25	e	Term ends	heart	Both great things, middle-things and
26	f	Bede	heart	(small things)
27	g	Coronis Mar.	bowels	'Twill make them quick whose pace is
28	a	German	and	(slow)
29	b	Carol. II. Nar.	belly	The old wife wrudge, the mare to go;
30	c	Yeo. & Bou. m.	reins	The nurse feed child and a sleep rock it,
31	d	Whit-Sunday	reins	Be sure of Money then in Pocket.

Observations on May

May is not Love's Month, May is full of Flowers,
 But rather April: Love is full of showers.
 Women's false Love doth many Cuckolds make,
 The Child is oft kill for the Nurse's sake.

1 Now Men and Maids	4 15 43	It is like to be very
2 together play	4 17 43	loving - temperate
3 And merry are	4 15 45	Weather with tholchul-
4 as Birds in May.	4 14 7 0	birds who've not bought
5 Squire Ketch	4 12 7 48	their Wives new Gowns
6 Michael Lively	4 11 7 49	to take the May this
7 Marriot the Earle	4 10 7 50	May day, for there is no
8 Comical Dick	4 8 7 52	thing more pleasing to
9 Now Ladies they	4 7 7 53	a Woman (especially if
10 may see those flowers	4 6 7 54	she be handsome) than
11 For Flora sends them	4 4 7 55	a new Gown and a lang
12 store of Flowers.	4 3 7 57	Looking-glass. When
13 Pride the Draw-man	4 2 7 58	Blair is to her her Coun-
14 Rablais	4 0 8	cel of State, her Coun-
15 Robert Wallop	3 5 8 3	cel of War and her Ex-
16 Let him endavour	3 4 8 3	chequer. Some flatter him
17 all he can,	3 5 8 4	as to be Astronomical as to
18 An Ape will never	3 5 8 5	believe there is no other Hea-
19 be a Man.	3 5 8 7	ven as a Tavern, nor will
20 Cook Lotpel	3 5 8 8	but an empty Pocker.
21 Isaac Ewer	3 5 8 9	out of such men as these, I
22 Belly Evils	3 5 8 10	say.
23 Garagantua	3 4 8 11	A hanging is worst off away.
24 When Maids into	3 4 8 12	Such may we become when
25 the Teens are got,	3 4 8 13	Gallants begin to be who they
26 They're for a Husband	3 4 8 14	deeply swear to love their
27 young Men	3 4 8 15	where, and never to pay
28 Squire Dun,	3 4 8 15	their Taylor.
29 Will Goffe	3 4 8 16	Wol. and L. L. L.
30 Dick Tarlton	3 4 8 16	Wol. and L. L. L.
31 Dirty Doll	3 4 8 17	Wol. and L. L. L.

June hath XXX days.

Full Moon the 1 day, 48 min. past 9 in the forenoon.
 Last Quarter the 12 day, 42 min. past 2 in the morning.
 New Moon the 19 day, 33 min. past 10 in the forenoon.
 First Quarter the 27 day, 8 min. past noon.

1	Whit Monday	secrets	The Weather is hot, the Days are long
2	Wm. thecla	secrets	Then in an Arbor sing this Song
3	Calixtus	secrets	
4	Petrus	chign	S. O. N. G.
5	Boniface	chign	The black Jack,
6	Claudius	knees	The merry black Jack
7	John. Sund.	knees	As it is, so it grows,
8	Medard	legs	blows,
9	John of Ed	legs	Till at last they fall to blows
10	Margaret	feet	And make their Noddles cry a
11	St. Barnabas	feet	
12	Term begins	head	The brown Bowle,
13	Cyral	head	The merry brown Bowle,
14	1 after Trin	neck	As it goes round about a,
15	Vitus	neck	fill,
16	Rufinus m	arms	fill,
17	Botolph	and	Let the World say what it will,
18	Mercelline	should	And drink your Drink all out a
19	Gervase	breast	
20	Silverius	breast	The deep Kan,
21	2 after Trin	heart	The Merry deep Kan,
22	Alba Protin	and	Asthou dost freely quaff a
23	Etheldred	back	sing,
24	St. John Bap	bowels	ing,
25	Amplubalus	bowels	Be as merry as a King,
26	Jeromus	reins	And sound a lusty laugh a
27	7 Sleepers	and	
28	3 after Trin	loyns	Thus in a civil sort to sing,
29	Peter. Apoll	secrets	Do's Pleasure and Contentment bring,
30	Con. of Paul	secrets	But Ranting, Tearing, Swearing, Oaths,
			is worse than wearing of bad Cloaths.

Observations on June.

The Days they now do in great Heat abound,
Then meddle not with Whores, pocky nor found;
The Pocky ones do breed the *Frenchman's Curle*,
The found ones the Consumption in the Purle.

1	Now Citizens	3 42 8 18	New Midsummer moon
2	in Troops resort	3 42 8 18	approaches, which shall
3	To Illington	3 42 8 18	cause some to be trou-
4	and Totnam-courts	3 41 8 19	bled with the Devil of
5	Where at their Coins	3 41 8 19	of abuse, or as we may
6	away consumes	3 41 8 19	call it, draw out of us
7	In Chesebroke's Castards	3 41 8 19	Wine, a Gallie Extra-
8	and Sewed Prunes.	3 41 8 19	vagant Humour, that fre-
9	Col. Clansey	3 41 8 19	is perpetually to hunt
10	Sir Fopling Nutter	3 41 8 19	for that which for all
11	Sir Henry Vane	3 41 8 19	the World we would
12	Queen of Morrocco	3 41 8 19	not find, Some unde-
13	John Fry.	3 41 8 19	erving may chance to
14	My Lady's Paint	3 41 8 19	skip into Office, in
15	melts off her Face,	3 41 8 19	which Place they shall
16	And is not this	3 41 8 19	behave themselves with
17	a piteous case,	3 41 8 19	as many Absurdities as
18	Pantagruel	3 41 8 19	a Citizen at Court, or
19	Pantabilus	3 42 8 18	Clown at a Dancing School.
20	Mungleton	3 42 8 18	Love is benignly inclined to
21	3 Loggerheads	3 42 8 18	children, this denotes that
22	Tim. Featherbrain.	3 43 8 17	a handi-capped with a great
23	Who mops one day,	3 42 8 18	deal of Money in her Porti-
24	next day dries wed.	3 42 8 18	on, shall not need to fear
25	His business very	3 45 8 15	waning of Snuff. And
26	soon is freed.	3 46 8 14	Mercury in a direct Square
27	Knave of Clubs	3 47 8 13	with Mars, plenty pretences.
28	Simon Marn	3 48 8 12	that where great Battles are
29	Parisinus	3 49 8 11	thought, 'tis a hundred to one
30	Parisimenns	3 50 8 10	that some are killed on both

July hath XXXI days.

Full Moon the 4 day, 56 min. past 6 in the afternoon.
 Last Quarter the 11 day, 54 min. past 7 in the morning.
 New Moon the 18 day, 52 min. past 11 at night.
 First Quarter the 27 day, 58 min. past 1 in the morning.

1	B	Term ends	thighs	Now cometh in the Month, whose Fame
2	B	Wm. B. May	thighs	Grows great by him that gave it Name.
3	B	C. Ashton m.	knees	The furlow Dog the Sea pursues,
4	B	Warious mo	knees	Whose noisome Breath Man's Body tues.
5	B	Comes Chal	legs	Night feedeth on the long-ford Day
6	B	McGor	legs	And many Effects of short sweet Hay
7	B	Thomson m.	feet	Stand on the fields. The Lion sings
8	B	Chillian	feet	And Phabu sends forth his hard days.
9	B	Cyril Bishop	head	Which robs the Air invading Air.
10	B	Gen & Vow m.	head	Of all their Winter Snowy Scaps.
11	B	Phil	neck	Beasts seek the spreading Trees for
12	B	Sun in Leo	and	shade.
13	B	Margaret	throat	And now are many Arches made,
14	B	Kenel	arms	wherein Men do resort to trifle,
15	B	Swithin	arms	Whilft Brains are shrunk, and Legs
16	B	Simond	breast	from Cripple.
17	B	Dr. Levin m.	breast	Rhysians and the Lawyers too
18	B	Rosine	heart	This Month hath nothing for to do
19	B	Dog day	beg and	But Farmers the Month will leave
20	B	Margaret	back	This Month, but hark are on Bees
21	B	Daniel	bowels	For Hay in Winter to be spent,
22	B	Mary Magd	bowels	and Many to pay Land-lord Rent.
23	B	Apollon B.	reins	Now Corn by Sol's resplendent Heat
24	B	Christina	and	Is ripened and made fit to reap,
25	B	James Ap.	loyns	As many times it doth appear
26	B	7 after Trin.	secrets	In Elter and in Cambridgehire,
27	B	Mattha	secrets	Whereby their Harvest it is done
28	B	Panthal	thighs	Eastward the North it is begun,
29	B	Beatrice	and	For there it lasts (as some do say)
30	B	Abdon	hips	Until it be S. Michael's day.
31	B	Germane B.	knees	

Observations on July:

O July thou art gullible of such evil, at 12 noon the
 The May-Cocks oft make their and bladders, and
 When they doth tumble down upon the May-Cocks, and
 Then there strange things by the cocks and days God's

1 Tom a Badlam	3 50 8	20 Let me advise you
2 Merriton Latroom	3 51 8	9 wanting Calamity to
3 If Wafers ring	3 52 8	8 hear following of
4 full close in Bed,	3 53 8	7 whores that know not
5 Thus that bear	3 54 8	6 only in respect of the
6 by the Love led.	3 55 8	4 Dog-days, but also for
7 All part	3 56 8	3 drivers other weighty
8 Frank Chaloner	3 57 8	2 Consideration, in the
9 Badamantus	3 58 8	1 doing the business of
10 Muckle John	4 08	8 their Tack, which all
11 Who plays at Work	4 27	8 they should desire to
12 and marks at Play,	4 37	57 do, they must make use
13 Works me well, nor	4 47	56 of the Medicine spoken
14 keeps Holiday,	4 57	55 of in England
15 Black Pudding	4 57	54 Solera and Calamity from
16 Robert Tichborn	4 58 2	53 The young of Pottery
17 Arise Evans	4 18 7	52
18 who doth sing	4 18 7	49 Cio supplemēt to the which
19 a merrier Note	4 18 7	48 will left at the same
20 That is that is	4 18 7	47 Breach of the
21 and North a Grad.	4 18 7	46 and when the Date of the
22 Earl Godwin	4 20 7	45 and the the Gentlemen, as
23 Frank Allen	4 20 7	44 you desire to have handsome
24 Hieronimus	4 22 7	43 (with the same) to have
25 In every Age	4 23 7	42 and to go, and to have
26 as known to all,	4 25 7	41 (and) retain the same
27 The weakest still	4 27 7	40 in the vice, for a Note
28 goes to the Wall.	4 28 7	39 not only handsome for
29 Mad Bess	4 29 7	38 and but also useful
30 Ker	4 30 7	37 because of Robert A. Pickers
31 Minos	4 32 7	36 place
		35 To take the Bless for all the
		34 Flee

August hath XXXI days.

Full Moon the 3 day 25 min. past 1 in the morning.
 Last Quarter the 9 day 36 min. past 2 in the afternoon.
 New Moon the 17 day 40 min. past 3 in the afternoon.
 First Quarter the 25 day 15 min. past 6 in the afternoon.

1	C	Mamas day	knees	Now Farmers they their Business ply
2	D	8 after Trin.	legs	And labour hard whilst Weather dry
3	E	Dominicus	legs	A fruitful Crop doth cheer their heart
4	F	Aristarchus	feet	And makes go merrily what Carr.
5	G	Oswald	feet	Happy Country Swains: it doth last
6	A	Sixtus	head	If they knew their own Happiness
7	B	Donatus	head	Whole low Roofs Peace do safely hide
8	C	Cyrianus	neck	And shunt out Fortunes Want and pride
9	D	9 after Trin.	neck	Labour doth find them Drink & Meat
10	E	St. Laurence	arms	And Stomachs too the same to eat
11	F	Gilbert	arms	They sleep securely, void of Care
12	G	Clare Virg.	breast	A Storm at Sea doth them not fear
13	A	Son in Virg.	and	Wars hot alarms affright them not
14	B	Eusebius	stomac.	They live securely from Gods frow
15	C	Assu. B. Mary	heart	Lawyers to strife shall them not woo
16	D	10 after Trin.	heart	They at the Term have nought to do
17	E	Mammes	bowels	Their Sports to drive the time away
18	F	Hellen Emp.	and	In Barley-break or Stool-ball play
19	G	Sebaldus	belly	And sometimes Foot-ball for the Men
20	A	Mr. Love	stomach	To try their Strength to against it
21	B	Wil. Gibbon	stomach	The Cow the Plough and the Wheat
22	C	Col. Mar.	secrets	And mow
23	D	11 after Trin.	secrets	Both Food sufficient them allow
24	E	Barthol.	secrets	Such diet them both healthful make
25	F	Lewis King	thighs	That they no Physick need to take
26	G	Zephyrine	thighs	They think that many People fear
27	A	Dogdays	knees	Their spent on Lawyers or Doctor
28	B	Augustine	knees	Feet
29	C	Desol. Jo. Bap.	legs	Thus harmlessly their time they spend
30	D	Sir C. Lucie	feet	Till Death to Life doth put an End
31	E	Sir G. Lile	feet	

Observations on August 2

August thou art hot, and thou saist that we must
 Abstain from all Venerie and fleshly Lust;
 Yet in thee at Smithfield there is kept a Fair,
 To which many hundreds of Whores do repair.

1	Flowzy Moll	4	357	21	Now the Country Far-
2	Witch of Endor	4	367	21	ever begins himself in
3	Edmond Ludlow	4	387	21	disburdening the Cart-
4	Now Farmers they	4	407	20	of her fruitful Coop, to
5	Their Business ply,	4	417	19	enrich his empty Barns;
6	Whilst Lawyers they	4	417	19	whilst that a People of
7	do idle lye.	4	457	15	Smithfield are making
8	But Lawyers in one	4	477	13	great Preparations for
9	a Term get clear	4	487	12	the Reception of Bar-
10	More than Farmers	4	507	10	sholmes Fair, never was
11	do in one Year.	4	527	8	there such a Time for
12	Stephen Colledge	4	547	6	Boots and Saddles, and
13	John Downe	4	567	4	indeed all forth of Ven-
14	Mouthing Moll	4	587	2	able that have nothing
15	Those who in Winter	5	07	0	to do; much more shall
16	seek to live,	5	26	2	be trilled away among
17	To working men	5	46	16	the Drak and the Bud-
18	their Minds do give	5	66	14	dging, and to spend all
19	Hudibras	5	86	12	of Money in such a way
20	Mother Cunney	5	106	10	bread: This will continue
21	Luke Robinson	5	126	8	with Murther, and the
22	Wolner of Windsor	5	146	6	travelling about the
23	New Pigs and Whores	5	166	4	city, for the space of 2 days
24	Full many a paine	5	186	2	there also will be a great
25	Are plenty as	5	206	0	the Drak and the Bud-
26	Bartholomey Fair	5	226	0	and of the Whores many
27	Whilst Bumpkin be	5	246	0	and of the Whores many
28	their Swains will	5	266	0	and of the Whores many
29	Mean time the Whores	5	286	0	and of the Whores many
30	do to the pick	5	306	0	and of the Whores many
31	Peregrin Pelham	5	326	0	and of the Whores many

September hath XXIX days.

Full Moon the 1 day, 21 min. past 9 in the morning. 11042
 Last Quarter the 8 day, 17 min. past 6 in the morning. 11091
 New Moon the 16 day, 46 min. past 7 in the morning. 11140
 First Quarter the 23 day, 29 min. past 3 in the morning. 11189
 Full Moon the 30 day, 52 min. past 12 in the morning. 11238

1	Giles	Abbot	head	September Month (and best of June)
2	Veronice	head	head	But in t Marriage good, for
3	Thyran	head	head	For Winter-Cold now coming on
4	Theodorus	neck	neck	Maid will be made to lie alone
5	Zacharias	neck	neck	And young Men think themselves not
6	after Trin	arms	arms	speed
7	Tran. Dunn	and	and	How they not got a Mate to Bed
8	St. Euz. die	thou	thou	Hence each one to loves Lottery lies
9	St. E. Virg	breast	breast	Drawing twenty blanks before a prize
10	Sylvius	breast	breast	One with a dirty Drad is sped
11	Prothius	heart	heart	and he is finely brought to Bed
12	St. E. die	heart	heart	et found is match to a Wench
13	St. G. die	bowels	bowels	Who pains his fore-head makes it sore
14	St. E. die	and	and	A third bath got a Scold, we see
15	St. E. die	belly	belly	the worse Plague of all the three
16	St. E. die	belly	belly	Fourth in Marriage doth him dye
17	St. E. die	belly	belly	With one that is half monster
18	St. E. die	belly	belly	Exceeding braver than head to foot
19	St. E. die	belly	belly	But married proves a Sloy or Slut
20	St. E. die	belly	belly	A fifth bath got a Wife, we said
21	St. E. die	belly	belly	Nar worse than one of Ginger bread
22	St. E. die	belly	belly	For such a Wife is better far
23	St. E. die	belly	belly	Than many Wives now in days are
24	St. E. die	belly	belly	And thus the World continues still
25	St. E. die	belly	belly	We count that which is most ill
26	St. E. die	belly	belly	But ere thou marry Marriage Lay
27	St. E. die	belly	belly	Consider what thy Pocket may
28	St. E. die	belly	belly	
29	St. E. die	belly	belly	
30	St. E. die	belly	belly	

Observations on September.

Apples and Hazel Nuts this Month produces,
And luscious Grapes do clear us with their juices,
At VVestminster no suit of Law is had,
And Michael's-Day makes Landlords Hearts full glad.

1	Knipperdoling	5	35	6	21	Two things this Month
2	Nose Oliver,	5	37	6	23	will fall out very costly.
3	He that enjoys	5	39	6	21	some Creditors shall
4	a quiet Mind,	5	41	6	19	ask their Debtors for
5	Can Pleasure in	5	43	6	17	mony, and they having
6	Affliction find.	5	45	6	14	none, shall refuse for to
7	Nero	5	47	6	13	pay them; and di-
8	Jack Bradshaw	5	49	6	10	vers rich Men will
9	Cunney Beard	5	52	6	8	desire their Fathers
10	Now Hardest time	5	54	6	1	deaths, and they to
11	is past and gone,	5	56	6	4	quite them, will en- deavour to live the longer
12	Store of VWeddings	5	58	6	2	The winter approaching
13	are coming on,	6	0	6	0	many shall thrust their heads
14	But gett you with	6	2	5	8	into the Noose of Matrimo-
15	her thou dost wed,	6	4	5	5	ny; but the Stars being
16	Or let her lye	6	6	5	54	cross-grained, they shall be
17	alone in bed.	6	9	5	51	astronomically matched as July
18	Julian Apostate	6	11	5	49	and January, viz. a Cock-
19	Gregory Norton	6	13	5	47	ing Wood-cock and a Whorl-
20	Lambert Simnel	6	15	5	45	Wag-tail, an Hen-pheer,
21	Sue Flanel	6	17	5	43	Lizzard and a chaffin
22	Mother Dobbs	6	19	5	41	Map-pye, a clownish Owl
23	Tho. Blancher	6	21	5	39	and a painted Popinjay. Now
24	Tyborn	6	23	5	37	if any of these perious chanc-
25	Lord warreston	6	25	5	35	es be male Cockolds, let
26	S. Michael's Day	6	27	5	33	them be born under Aries,
27	bids thee provide	6	29	5	31	Taurus or Pisces, or under
28	For Rent, else Land	6	31	5	29	any of the twelve signs, it
29	lord will thee abide	6	33	5	27	cannot be avoided nor yet re-
30	Will St. George	6	35	5	25	medied.

October hath XXXI days.

Last Quarter the 7 day, 23 min. past 5 at Night.

New Moon the 15 day, past 36 min. 11 at night.

First Quarter the 23 day, 52 min. past noon.

Full Moon the 30 day, 30 min. 4 in the morning.

		<i>The Old Woman's Prophecy.</i>	
1	a Remegius	head	When Charing-cross and Pauls Church
2	b Leodegar	neck	meet
3	c Thomas B.	neck	To break their Fast in Fryday Street,
4	d 17 after Trin	arms	And Jesuits from Rome are sent
5	e Constance	arms	To heal away the Monument;
6	f Faith Virg.	breast	And Highgate-hill and Lambeth Joy
7	g Mr. Benson m	breast	To make a Voyage to the Rhine;
8	a Polig a	heart	And Newgate groans & Bridewell grie
9	b Denis	and	For want, or weight, of Whores or
10	c Paulin B. V.	back	Thieves;
11	d 18 after Trin	bowels	And Tyburn doth to Wapping turn
12	e Walsid	bowels	Shall never more come hanging there
13	f Sun in Scor.	reins	Then Long-ditch & Long-lane shall cry
14	g James 2 nat.	and	Ask requies for Honesty.
15	a E. Darby m.	loyns	And Murderers in Prison be bold,
16	b Gallus	secrets	To tell where Poisons may be sold;
17	c Andrey Vng.	secrets	Then Streets shall ring with horrid cries
18	d Luke Evang.	thighs	Of Passies hot and Violent plies.
19	e Ptolomy	thighs	Alas! her errant Knights bellow,
20	f Capracus	knees	Of Manufacturing of Oaths;
21	g Ando	knees	Which they, when need requires,
22	a Sir T. Beth m.	knees	expose,
23	b Term begins	legs	As cheap as Brokers do old Cloaths
24	c Salome	legs	Women shall then be sold with Tongs
25	d St. Galline	feet	And Poor Men suffer double Wrong.
26	e Amandus	feet	Paper shall be both scarce and dear
27	f Ino	head	(Sad News for Clerk and Pamphleteer,
28	g Simon & Jude	head	Nay more (if that the Stars hit right)
29	a Narcissus	neck	Nights shall be dark, and Days be light.
30	b Germane	neck	Some other Truths I have to tell.
31	c Julian	fast arms	But the Cock crows and Rovers bell

Observations on October.

October is a famous Month, all Men know,
Because in it my Lord Mayor hath his Show.
Its also Welcom to Westminster Hall,
For the Lawyers gin to Scold and Brawle.

1 Sir Giles Goose-Cap	6 36 5 24	The Term now ap
2 Phelps the Scribles	6 38 5 22	proaches, and many Men
3 The Sun doth set,	6 40 5 20	will be mad to thrust
4 And rise next day,	6 42 5 18	their Heads into the
5 But life once gone	6 44 5 16	Noose of Law until they
6 we sleep for aye.	6 46 5 14	throttle themselves
7 Harrison the Butcher	6 48 5 12	these Men are not to be
8 Scot the Brewer	6 50 5 10	patied, being more fear
9 Huldin the Jester	6 52 5 8	els than Brute Beasts
10 Marriage was once	6 54 5 6	for the Sheep will run
11 for Vertues sake,	6 56 5 4	from the Wolf, the Cat
12 Now Money does	6 58 5 2	from the Dog, the Hare
13 the Marriage make.	7 0 5 0	from the Hound, the
14 For has the Female	7 2 4 58	Moose from the Cat,
15 Money sure,	7 4 4 56	the Chick from the Kite,
16 Be she Slut	7 6 4 54	and the Dove from the
17 or be she VVidore,	7 8 4 52	Hawk, but he that goes
18 Or if a form'd	7 10 4 50	o Law, when he may
19 from Heel to Head,	7 12 4 48	avoid it, is like to the Sheep
20 She with a Husband	7 14 4 46	that runs to that Armbill,
21 may be sped.	7 16 4 44	or shelter in a Storm, where
22 Cook the Solicitor	7 17 4 43	is head of Protection, he
23 David Axel	7 19 4 41	leaves a great part of his
24 Adrian Scroop	7 20 4 40	Fleece behind him, and glad
25 John Carew	7 22 4 38	he escapes to too. If my Arr
26 Great Dimes now in	7 24 4 36	bill be not, on the 35 Day
27 Westminster Hall,	7 26 4 34	of this Month, about Sun
28 Where Lawyers powder	7 28 4 32	set, or a little after, many
29 than VVassermen ball.	7 30 4 30	Journey-men of the Gende
30 John Avalque	7 32 4 28	craft will have more than
31 John Jones	7 33 4 27	in their Bally than who in
		their Head.

November hath XXX days.

Last Quarter the 6 day, 31 min. past 4 in the afternoon.
 New Moon the 14 day, 12 min. past 5 at night.
 First Quarter the 21 day, 16 min. past 8 at night.
 Full Moon the 28 day, 22 min. past 5 at night.

1	All Saints	arms	Now Trees put off their heavy Suits, The Earth is bare, the Birds are mute
2	All Soul	breast	Winter doth the Earth array
3	Winifride	ind	In a Suit of Silver gray.
4	Mary P. or B.	stomach	Night doth now lock up the Ground,
5	Powder Plo.	heart	Which by days help is oft abundant.
6	Leonard	heart	Herbs, Trees, Plants, each thing that now
7	Florentius	bowels	Wait on Winters cold rough Brow,
8	James Trin.	and	Which such frosty Weather yields,
9	Theodore	belly	Wrinkles the Beauty of the Fields,
10	Erasmus	reins	And doth cast away Cream.
11	Martine	reins	Upon the Lakes and christen Streams
12	Sun in Sagitt.	secrets	Thou Winter, void of all Delight,
13	Brice	secrets	With trembling Steep, Head bald and white,
14	Frederick	thighs	No Comfort on us doth bestow,
15	Q. Cath. born	and	But cold, long Nights, and frosts and Snow,
16	Edmond	hips	Then far to keep cold from thy Back
17	Hugh	knees	Drink now and then a Glass of Sack
18	Geladius	knees	And eat such Victuals as is good,
19	Carol. 1 Nat.	legs	For thou dost melt and breed good Blood.
20	Agapite	legs	
21	Pres. Mary	feet	The Lawyers now must busie be,
22	24 after Trin.	feet	I wish they take not double fee,
23	Clement	head	It bitt others they will go to Law
24	Enlog. Mar.	head	For Business not worth a Straw
25	Conrade	neck	Yet are such causes welcome still
26	Linus	neck	As long as they bring Gift to fill
27	M. Knevet m.	arms	But if in forma Pauperis you plead
28	Term ends	and	Your cause is lost if not quite dead.
29	Advent Sund.	shoulder	
30	Andrew Ap.	breast	

Observations on November.

Now the wiley *Faux* with his Lanthorn,
Our Parliament House he did intend to burn;
But he was found out, with his vile Partakers,
For which we give God Thanks with Squibs and Crackers

1	Three Loggerhead	7	38	4	22	Gentlemen, look about
2	Guide <i>Faux</i>	7	39	4	21	you, for I assure ye there
3	New Papists did	7	41	4	19	are Knaves abroad, and
4	construe a Plot,	7	42	4	18	let some who walk so
5	For which some of	7	44	4	16	demurely, as if Butter
6	them hanging got	7	46	4	14	would not melt in their
7	Arthur of Bradley	7	47	4	13	Mouth, have a special
8	Devil of Edmonton	7	49	4	11	Care they carry out the
9	Henry Ireton	7	51	4	9	Knave about with 'em;
10	Mopla	7	52	4	8	for now-a-days there is
11	Cold Weather is	7	54	4	6	more of that Calling
12	a constant Guest,	7	55	4	5	than of any Trade or
13	which maketh Toasts	7	57	4	3	Profession whatsoever.
14	be in request.	7	58	4	2	In every place Knaves do
15	Committee of Safety	8	0	4	0	abound, and are found
16	John James	8	1	3	59	No Parish is without them
17	Ned oth' Faggot-lost	8	3	3	57	The Lawyers are very
18	A Gammon of Bacon	8	4	3	56	busy at Westminster-hall.
19	Stuff with Cloves	8	5	3	55	I would wish their Cl-
20	Is that a hungry	8	7	3	53	ients that go to them, to
21	Stomach lover.	8	8	3	52	go trebly provided;
22	Miller of Mansfield	8	9	3	51	with their Hands full of
23	Colchester Bull	8	10	3	50	Papers, their Heads full
24	John Venn	8	11	3	49	of Patience, and Pockets
25	Garnets Seraw	8	11	3	49	full of Money, lest other-
26	Prom Physick, Law	8	12	3	48	wise their Ropes be non-
27	and Surgery	8	13	3	47	suites, and it be said,
28	Good-Lord above	8	13	3	47	They Facts fell out, and
29	deliver me	8	14	3	46	Knaves proceed.
30	Jack Adams	8	15	3	45	But Beggars give us the

December hath XXXI days.

Last Quarter the 6 day, 42 min. past noon.
 New Moon the 14 day, 4 min. past 8 in the morning.
 First Quarter the 21 day, 49 min. past 3 in the morning.
 Full Moon the 28 day, 49 min. past 8 in the morning.

1	f	Longinus	breast	Now Christmas Feasting is laid by,
2	g	Candida	heart	He give you Rules of Husbandry,
3	a	Cassian	heart	Which if you do observe and keep,
4	b	Barbara	bowels	'Twill make Peace in your Parle to
5	c	Sabine	and	creep,
6	d	2 Sund. in Ad.	belly	For Moony comes in very slow,
7	e	Concep. Mary	reins	But out apace the same doth go.
8	f	Ambrose	reins	In this same Month set Beans & Peas,
9	g	Joachim	secrets	Upcover the Roots of Fruit Trees,
10	a	Miltiades	secrets	Cut Timber down, Moon ith' last quar-
11	b	2nd in Capri	secrets	ter,
12	c	Paul Bish.	thighs	'Twill better last for Beam or Rafter
13	d	3 Sund. in Ad.	thighs	With Horse-dung cover Herbs and
14	e	Nicasius	knees	Flowers,
15	f	Valerie	knees	(Showes)
16	g	O Sapientia	legs	To kee them safe from Frost and
17	a	Lazarus	leg	Keep Meadows moist, let Horses Blood
18	b	Christopher	feet	And drink both Wine and Beer that's
19	c	Nemcius	feet	good,
20	d	4 Sun in Ad.	head	Trim Gardens now, and eke the Lawn
21	e	Thomas Ap.	and	At Christmas for to sup and dine,
22	f	Theodosius	face	Burnt brandy very good I hold,
23	g	St. Al. Car m.	neck	To keep in Heat and keep out Cold,
24	a	40 Virgins	neck	And if that you will drink it ra-
25	b	Christmas day	arms	Min Sugar, which will down it draw,
26	c	St. Stephen	arms	When Men together them do flounce,
27	d	St. John Ev.	breast	That Liquor's called Cherry-bounce,
28	e	H. Innocent	breast	Yet no more difference in them I see
29	f	M. Pitcher m.	heart	Than betwix Christmas and Shrove
30	g	David	and	Now if that God hath lent thee
31	a	Sylvester	back	Of worldly Wealth, relieve the Poor
				And feast thy Neighbour with good
				Cheer,
				Meat of the best, and stronger Beer,
				And so with Mirth conclude the
				Year,

Observations on December.

Hang on the Kettle now, and Porridge Pot,
And make the Oven for Pies and Pasties hot;
Let Spits turn round, let ope the Buttery Door,
And Feast thy Neighbours, especially the Poor.

1 Tinker of Bedford	8	16	3	44	We find by the Stars
2 Vavator Powel	8	16	3	44	that this Mouth there is
3 Some Houles have	8	17	3	43	like to be frequent Con-
4 a stately Hall,	8	17	3	43	junctions of Ribs of
5 And Kitchen less	8	18	3	42	Beef, Legs of Mutton,
6 than Cobler's Stall,	8	18	3	42	and Loyns of Veal, ce-
7 Being for the nonce	8	18	3	41	lebrated near the wa-
8 so finely plac'd	8	19	3	41	try Triplicity of Plum-
9 Sooner to break	8	19	3	41	porridge together
10 your Neck than Fish	8	19	3	41	with the Trine and Sex-
11 Balderno	8	19	3	41	tile Aspects of mind
12 Tho. Wogan	8	19	3	41	Pies and Mutton Pasties
13 Fortune is sure	8	19	3	41	in good Houses, for the
14 a purblind Witch,	8	19	3	41	Honour of Christmas;
15 To raise up Knaves	8	19	3	42	and indeed it is a more
16 and make Fools rich;	8	18	3	42	pleasant Sight than a
17 To set an Ass on	8	18	3	42	City Comely, to see a
18 top her Wheel,	8	18	3	43	Table full of Husband-
19 And kick down Vertue	8	17	3	43	men worry a Surloyn,
20 with her Heels	8	17	3	44	and hew a Goose, as if
21 And raise a Pandor	8	16	3	4	they were cleaving a
22 or a Jestee,	8	16	3	45	Log; whilst the Misch-
23 Then hanging the Hag,	8	15	3	46	Bees sets all their Brains
24 too detest her.	8	14	3	46	float, and the Coller
25 Dirty Doll	8	14	3	47	of Hawn turns each
26 Man Prideaux.	8	13	3	4	Clowns Chops into a
27 Those Men who new	8	12	3	45	Dancing-School
28 do feast the Poor,	8	12	3	45	
29 God will them	8	10	3	50	
30 ten times restore.	8	10	3	51	
31 Henry Smith	8	9	3	52	

Things necessary for People to know.

A Hogshed of Wine contains	63 Gallons
A Barrel of Beer	36 Gallons
A Barrel of Ale	33 Gallons
A Tun of Wine	252 Gallons
A weigh of Cheefe	256 Pounds
A Pipe or But of Wine	126 Gallons
A Chaldron of Coals	36 Bushels
A Load of Timber	50 solid Foot
A Dicker of Hides or Skins of Leather	10 Skins
A Ream of Paper 20 Quire: a Quire 25 Sheets	
A Bale of Paper	10 Reams
In a Rowl of Vellum or Parchment	60 Skins
In a Last of Corn	10 Quarters or 80 Bushels
An Acre of Land contains	160 Perches
A Rod or Rood of Land	40 Perches
A Perch of Land	27 2 1/2 Foot
In a Perch, Pole or Rod in length	16 1/2 Foot
A Fodder of Lead is 19 1/2 hund. weight, or 2184 p.	
A Tod of Wool 28 p. a Sack 364 p. a Last 4368 p.	
A Load of Bricks	500 Bricks
A Firkin of Ale, Sope or Herrings,	8 Gallons
16 Drachms makes 1 ounce, 16 Ounces a Pound	
112 Pound makes 1 Hundred Weight, 20 h. a Tun	
A Tun of Iron 20 hundr. weig. or 2240 p. weight	
Days in a Year 365	Weeks in a Year 52
Teeth in a perfect Man 32	Bones in a Man 284
Veins in a Man or Woman	365

It is a Speech 'mongst many People common,

A Man hath one Bone Less than hath a Woman;

But as for that I think it cannot be,

But think they may have Tongue for more than he.

Wod: Robin, 1696.

A
Prognostication for the Year of
our Lord God, 1696.

Wherein you have the Picture of the Anatomy to please Fools and Children, the Names and Characters of the twelve Houses and seven Planets: An Account of the Eclipses which will happen this Year, which will be visible and which not, when Venus will be our Morning, and when our Evening Star: A most accurate Description of the four Quarters of the Year: A new way how to make the Philosopher's Stone: An Astrological Scheme, with several Predictions thereupon. How to make Coffee, alias Nimmy-broth: A new Invention of buttering Turneps: To make a Loaf of Bread to dance about the Table, intermixed with Profit and Delight.

Calculated according to Art for the Meridian of Saffron-Walden in Essex, and may without any sensible Error, serve for the Notification of the People in any other place.

Thus have you here the second Part explain'd,
What various matters are therein contain'd;
And if that more things you therein have from us,
Pray thank us that we pay more than we promise,
For therein we are honestest than they,
That promise very far, but never pay.

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poor Robin, 1696.

The Picture of the Anatomy
Is here presented to your Eye.



Should I but dare to omit the Anatomy
Which long enough hath gull'd my Country Friend,
He with Contempt would straight refuse to buy
This Book, and 'tis no Almanack, contend,
Ask him its Use, he'll say he cannot tell,
No more can I, yet since he lov'd it so well,
I'll let it stand, because my Book should sell.

The Names and Characters of the twelve Signs.

♈ Aries Head and Face.	♎ Libra Reins and Loins.
♉ Taurus Neck and Throat.	♏ Scorpio secret Members.
♊ Gemini Arms and Shoulders.	♐ Sagittarius the Thighs.
♋ Cancer Breast and Stomach.	♑ Capricorn the Knees.
♌ Leo Heart and Back.	♒ Aquarius the Legs.
♍ Virgo Bowels and Belly.	♓ Pisces the Feet.

The Characters, Names and Natures of the 7 Planets.

♄ Saturn cold and dry.	♃ Venus cold and moist.
♃ Jupiter hot and moist.	☿ Mercury variable.
♂ Mars hot and dry.	☾ Luna cold and moist.
☼ Sol hot and dry.	

POOR ROBIN, 1696.

Of the Eclipses this present Year 1696.

WE shall have this Year four Eclipses, two of the Sun, and two of the Moon; two of them visible, and two of them invisible: Those of the Sun you cannot behold, because they happen in the Night Season; but those of the Moon may be seen as perfectly as the Nose on a Man's Face, if the Air be clear, and that you are awake and up at such time as they shall happen.

The first will be an Eclipse of the Moon, on *wednesday* the 6 Day of *May*, 45 Minutes past 11 at Night, in the 27th Degree of *Scorpio*. This will be a great and total Eclipse, to the Quantity of 41 Digits, and 48 Minutes, for so much of the Moon's Body will be darkned.

And thus as we do unto you unfold it,

'Tis worth your time to rise for to behold it.

By this Eclipse, and the Help of the *Book of Knowledge*, a Man may prognosticate of many and wonderful things; as when green Pear will be in Season for Ladies, to do this you must erect a Scheme, and when you find exactly that they are four Shillings a Peck, then are they fit for my Lady's own Touch. It also tells you (to an Inch) how many pair of Saints a Tavern is above an Ale-house, and how that strong Beer is best in Winter to warm the Blood, and best in Summer for fear of chilling the Blood. Now for drinking strong Beer or Ale in Winter, let me advise you to take Counsel of the Poet.

To cherish Life and Blood, the Health of Man,

Give me a Toast plung'd in a double Cazz;

And spic'd with Ginger: For the mostling Grapes

Makes Man, become from Man, a foolish Ap.

But by your Leave Mr. Poet, notwithstanding the large Commendations you give of the Juice of Barley, yet if compar'd with Canary, they are no more than a Mole-hill to a Mountain; whether it be *Cock Ale*, *China Ale*, *Rash Ale*, *Sage Ale*, *Scurvy-grass Ale*, *Horse-Reddish Ale*, *Lanigb Ale*, *Hill Ale*, *Darby Ale*, *North-down Ale*, *Double Ale*, or *Small Ale*; *March Beer*, nor *Adam*, though made at *St. Catherine*, put them all together, are not to be compared to a Glass of *Port*.

Poor Robins 1696.

racy, sparkling, brisk, rich, generous, neat, choice, odorous, delicious, heart-revolving Canary, of whose Commendation we will give you a few Lines of an excellent Wit, two pair of Stairs above our forementioned Ale-Poet.

Some love to wear Satten, and shine in their Silk;

Yet quickly their Fashion will alter and vary:

Sometimes they'll be Whippersnappers, sometimes they'll drink Milk;

But I am for ever the same for Canary.

It's Sack that does make

All our Wants to be nothing,

For all do esteem it both Meat, Drink, and Clothing.

The same Author, as he was a great Adorer of Sack (which his Writings declare) so was he as bad an Enemy to Ale, against which he thus detracingly inveighs.

For muddy, foggy, fustian, puddle, drinking,

For all of these, Ale is the only Drinking.

But for all his writing, a Pot of good Ale is to be esteemed and preferred, it being the poor Man's Comfort, the Blacksmith's most esteemed Purchase, the Tinker's Treasure, the Pedlar's Jewel, the Beggar's Joy, and the Prisoner's loving Nurse. It heats the chill Blood of the aged, inspires the poor Poet that cannot compass the Price of Canary. It makes the Ballad-maker rhyme beyond Reason, puts Eloquence into the Orator, and is a Repairer of a decay'd Colour in the Face.

So then the whole Result of all is this,

That Ale is good, though Sack more bitter is.

And so much for the first Eclipse: The second Eclipse will be of the Sun, on Wednesday the twentieth Day of May, about our Midnight, when Mortals have their Burial in their voluntary Grave, and a Pitchy Darkness surrounds the World.

When the Owl is abroad, the Bat and the Toad,

And likewise the Cat a Mountain;

The Ant and the Mole sit both in an Hole,

And the Frog peeps out of the Fountain.

This Eclipse (I say) happening at such a time, cannot be seen of us, because then we cannot see the Sun; and it will not be worth our time to go to the Antipodes to behold it; no, we will rather take our Ease, stay at home, spin Charcole, and kiss our wives.

Don Robin, 1606.

And he that has no Wife on's own,

Upon her Lips to labor,

Let him play the Man, and if he can

Gubernator of his Neighbour.

Now what Influence this Eclipse hath over State Affairs, or Concerns of War, let them prognosticate who love to be meddling with such Matters, which we not desiring to fight, will content our selves with predicting matters of a lower Orb.

For keeping compass is a way most sure,

To scape the Troubles others do endure.

We find then *Præ* chief Gubernatrix of the eclipsick House, which prognosticates that many debauched Gallants shall still use the trade of whore hunting, yea, so frequent common brothel Houses, although they know the twofold Concomitants that always follow such Actions, *viz.* to have their Pockets pickt, and their Bodies clapt. Yea, I have known some who having handsome Wives of their own, yet have been so debauched to this beastly Sin, that trading with pickt Whores, have undone themselves, ruin'd their Wife and Children and left behind them a sinking Memory. Well worthy therefore was the saying of that Heathenish Roman Emperor *Marcus Aurelius*, That although he were sure the Gods would not punish him for the Offence, yet would he rather die, in regard of the filthiness of the Act it self. For what are Whores? But the Poison of a Kingdom, the Bane of a Common wealth, the Ruine of many noble Families, and the utter undoing of all that have to deal with them.

Whores are the Cankers, wherewith all Princes die.

The strumpets which Whoremasters lead to Hell.

And so much for the second Eclipse. The third Eclipse shall be of the Moon on Friday the 30th. Day of October, about 4 of the Clock in the Morning. It will be a very great Eclipse and visible and total, the Moon being exactly eclipsed in her Southern Node. It happens in the Eighteenth Degree of Taurus, and in the Eighth Angle of the Hea-

Tom Robin, 1696.

This great Eclipse portends matters of great Importance, but I will not venture to guess at them, they being beyond the Length of my *Jacob's Staff*: Yet to give the Reader a little Satisfaction, who (I know) will be desirous to have something for his Money: I shall give you some few Predictions, but will not assure you they shall really come to pass as I prognosticare them, knowing that the best Prophets are but good Guessers. Nor do I profess my self to be one of them.

*That walk by Cynthia's Light, and lift their Eyes
To view the order'd Armies of the Skies;
The Heavens they measure with imagin'd Lines,
And when the Northern Hemisphere declines
New Constellations in the South they find.*

We shall therefore proceed in the usual Course we formerly went in, and first we find *Mercury* and *Venus* in a Trine with *Jupiter*, which portends a great Decay of Honesty amongst divers sorts of People; some shall be so perfect in the Science of Lying, that their Dictates may furnish the best custom'd Astrologers, the Poets and the Mountebanks; others shall make it their Profession to steal, and think of no other way of Lively-hood, till in the end the Hangman makes them look thorough a hempen Casement. Others shall be so contentious, that they shall go to Law for every Trifle, nor need they go far for a Lawyer, for now (like *Egyptian Locusts*) they swarm in every Corner. I have read that about the Reign of King *Edward* the third their Number was confin'd to three Hundred or thereabouts, but now they are increased *ad infinitum*, quite contrary to Interest Money, for instead of Six for a Hundred, they are a Hundred for Six now more than they were before. Now though Men are apt of themselves to all manner of Mischief, yet will these Harpies be still pushing them forwards; telling them their Cause is a right, straight, and even as a Carpenters Rule; when it is rugged and uneven as a *Spanish* piece of Gold, or a *French* Cheese, which is neither long, nor square, nor round, nor thin, nor thick, nor any one of these, but yet all, and yet none of them, but a Lawyers Tongue can make a Cause, tho it be as crooked as a *Ram's Horn*, to be as straight as a *May pole*.

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*But this is only done when Money's coming,
And then their Tongues perpetually are running:
But if of this no Money's to be had,
Their Tongues are mute, thy Cause is very bad.*

Again, we find the Jovial Planet *Jupiter* to be in a Semi-Sextile with *Luna*, and to play bo-peep with *Mars*. This for a certain portends that now Country Wenches will have their Wishes, viz. That God would send them handsome, rich, lusty Husbands, fine Cloaths, good Victuals, strong Drink, long Sleeps, and no Work: Now if this do not happen, let them blame their unlucky Stars for it and not me, and nor repine, nor wish our noble Art, for Astrologers I tell ye are notable Fellows, and can see as far into a Millstone as any other. Hear what the Anchor of *Hudibras* writes of them.

*They'll search a Planet's House to know
Who broke and robb'd a House below:*

Examine Venus and the Moon,

Who stole a Thumb, or a Spoon:

And though they nothing will confess,

Yet by their very Looks can guess,

And tell what guilty Aspects bodes,

Who stole, and who racco'd the Goods.

They'll question Mars, and by his Look

Dutch who's true that mimic'd a Clod:

Make Mercury confess and teach

Those Thiruts which he himself did teach.

Old *Saturn* is got into an odd Angle of the eleventh House, this portends the Death of some great Person, perhaps by beheading: but when, where, how, or wherefore, we profess we know no more than my Lord Mayor's Horse. Now *Sat* being *Radix* combust with *Mercury* and *Venus* essentially dignified in the sixth House, this portends great Danger to your Gallies of the High-sea, that some shall end their Days by the heinous Scurvy, others by the sinking Noote, and some a peck shall scape the Hands of Squire Kitch, but still the Hemp grows, and the Tree grows, and the Padder goes on in his Vocation, and these three in good time may meet together.

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*When Hangman he gives them a swinging Cast,
Then of their padding that will be the last.*

And so much for the third Eclipse. Of the fourth Eclipse we will say nothing, because to tell you the Truth we have nothing to say of it. The most resplendent, resplendent, radiant, illustrious, bright, glistering, all-guilding, piercing Planet *Venus*; whom Poets stile, the rose Queen of Love, the *Cyprian Goddess*, Love's fair Empress, the Queen of Beauty, *Mars's* gamestome Mistress, the froth-born Goddess, Mother of Love, Love's golden Artificers, with a thousand other Epithets conceived in their idle Brains; this golden Planet is our Morning Star from the Beginning of the Year unto the 13th Day of *August*, then she becomes an Evening Star, and so continues to the Year's End.

This is the Progress of the Queen of Loves,

Drawn in a Chariot by a Team of Doves.

Of the four Quarters of the year, and first of The Spring.

TH E Spring Quarter (the Prime and Pride of all the Year) taketh its Beginning when the Sun, upon whom the Poets likewise bestow these Epithets (the Day's bright Eye, the Father of Light, the World's great Lamp, Heaven's Christmas Candle, the never-dying Taper, the World's Surveyor general, Monarch of Days and Years, Emperor of Light, King of Planets, and Sovereign of the Stars, &c.) This Quarter (I say) taketh its Beginning when this Prince of Light entereth the first Scapule of the Equinoctial Sign, &c. being this Year the tenth Day of *March* (the Hour and Minutes you may find in other Almanacks) making the Days and Nights of equal Length to all on this side the Equator.

Now the Mountebanks are as busy as a Pick-pocket in a Fair, in putting on their flannel Suits. There are a Host of Men who as if they were to Law with a Disease, play better with a Sickness, turn a Consumption to their Purse, and purge them worse than their Bodies. If you send your Water to them, you must resolve to be sick, for they will never leave

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leave examining your Water till they have shak'd it into a Disease, then follows a Write to their Druggier in a strange Tongue, which he understands though he cannot confute. By this means how many are bled out of their Lives; and yet how many although they be not sick, will take Physick in the Spring, because it is the Fashion forsooth; to these sort of People may that Story be truly applied of a Servant who asked his Master If he would not have his Horse let blood on Saint Stephen's Day? His Master asking him why on that Day more than any other? The Man replied, because it was the Fashion; no (said he) my Horse is not troubled with the Fashions.

This Quarter continues till the Sun runs his Perambulation thorough the three celestial Signs of *Aries*, *Taurus*, and *Gemini*, and then gives place to the next Quarter, which is,

Summer.

THE Summer Quarter begins on the 11th Day of June, at which time the Sun enters the first Scapule of the tropical Sign *Cancer*, making the longest Day and shortest Night to all on this side the Equator. This Quarter is the Lay Persons Delight, and the Beggars Joy. In it the Farmers and Husbandmen labour hard, and the Lawyers and Physicians lie idle, for there is not one Trine in all this Quarter, and the Weather is too hot to take Physick. This Quarter is also very unwelcome to Woodmongers and Coal-vendors, Tallow-chandlers, and Linkboys. The Butchers surfeite, for now if they do not sell their Mear, in three Days time it will stink & bade themselves. Yet is it the best Quarter of all the four for a Man to try his Wives Love; for if she cling close to him in Bed now, she will be sure to do the same in Winter.

This Quarter lieth three Months, *June*, *July*, and *August*, whilst the Sun runs his Progress thorough *Cancer*, *Leo*, and *Virgo*, and then gives place to *Autumn*.

Of which Summer's Pride begins to fade away, and Night's encroach upon the Hours of Day.

Autumn

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Autumn or Harvest Quarter beginneth at the Suns Entrance into the other Equinoctial Sign *Libra*, making the Days and Night again of an equal Length. In this Quarter the Sun passes thorough *Sagittarius* or the *Pinchers*, and this shall cause many Persons to be very long-winded, thinning-draught Men, such as Vulcans, Shoemakers, Joiners, men Comberr, Poets, Book-binders, and Glasiers; but those who spend their Time in Summer in drinking and Idleness, will in the Winter be troubled with the Scotch Dileale, Hunger and Cold, if the uncharitable Chandler should refuse to trust. Remember the old Verse,

*In Summer labour with the painful Ant,
Else in the winter poorly live in want.*

This is also another reasonable Time of the Year for Men to take Phisick in, if their Purges be overswelled with various Humours. Some shall be troubled with the griping of the Guts by drinking of raw Sider; and others by over-much eating of hazel Nuts shall be so short winded, that that they shall not be able to speak one wise Word. My Lady *Pickle* sends her Gentleman-usher to Madam *Dainties* to know how her Lap-dog rested that Night; who returns answer she is afraid he is not well, for he would not eat white Bread and Milk, although it were half chinked with Sugar; do not these two Ladies think you deserve to take a Purge of *Hillbird* *Pamper'd with too much Plenty, the Stomach it doth clog;
Both troubled with our Disease, my Lady and her Dog.*

This Quarter continues till the Sun passeth his Course thro the three Signs of the spangled Firmament, *Libra*, *Scorpio*, and *Sagittarius*, when cometh cold, comfortless, frosty

Winter.

THE Winter Quarter beginneth at such time as our Earthly Globe hath revolved its self to the greatest Northern inclination, at such time as the Sun toucheth the first Scruple of *Capricorn*, making the shortest Day and longest Night to all on this side the Equator, and happens this Year on Saturday

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On the 12th Day of December, the Day then in Length 7 Hours 28 Minutes. Now those that lazied away their Time in Summer, spending their Money at the Alehouse, or exercising themselves at those two laudable Games of Nine-pins and Pigeon-holes, may (if they have them) sell their Set of Teeth to some old toothless Usurer, for I can assure them no use the Word of an Astrologer, they will have no Occasion for them. For as the World goes now, No Penny, no Pater-Noster. The Butcher, the Baker, the Brewer, nay the very Milk-woman will tell you as well as a Lawyer, that without Money your Case is naught.

*There since if ~~alone~~ you do see the Profit,
Labour to get it, and then make much of it.*

This is like to be a very cold Quarter 'unless amongst the Lawyers, who will have warm Takings all Hilary Term, and notwithstanding Christmas Holydays are in it, when Men leave their Carcasses with good Cheek, yet are they glad when this Quarter is gone, to give Entertainment to the more welcome Spring.

How to make the Philosophers Stone.

TAKE two Quarts of Oyl that is squeez'd out of a Linnet, mixed with a Pin of Mens Milk, put it to the left Eye of a flying Toad dried and beaten to Powder; add thereto the soft Row of a live red Herring, with two Ounces of the Infusion of a Trench of the Mountains, distill them through a speaking Trumpet, and closing the remaining Spirits in the Mouth of a Cannon, *Sigillo Hermetico*, circulate them seven Years in the *Primum Mobile*. Then cut a Vein under the Tongue of the Dog star, drawing thence a Pound of the most Choleric adull, and malignant Blood, subtrite the Spirits, and mix them with the Eggs of a Cockatrice and the Foam of a Mad Dog. Let these boyl four Hours over a Fire made of Ilickes, then strain it through a Deal Board, and when it is cold it turns to the Philosophers Stone.

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The Astrological Scheme.



In this Scheme we find Saturn in an obtuse Angle with Mercury and Venus ill dignified in the eleventh House; this prognosticates a great scarcity of Money in divers Parts and much Tribulation to those that want Money. That the Country of late is so much refin'd as to follow the Modest, Next to the City, and that Drabs and Bales vendid a flaming Perfection, may harbour as much Danger as a City in a storm of Rain, or the Sea in a Storm, so much so that the City of London

For many Gallants this for a while has been a great City and Country yield Whores yettish as the City of London Jupiter and Sol is in Biquinile with Mars, this signifies that all the mad People are not in Bedlam, nor would it hold them all, were it as big as the Escorial, or the Turks Seraglio; for what

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Will think you of those that have spent considerable Estates
in Pursuit of the Philosophers Stone, which (like that of *St. John*) upon the Pinch of the Business returns upon the Un-
lucky, leaving him to begin a New; are not these People
that Of of such as will stake their Patrimony upon the Chance
of a Die, and part with their Fortunes by whole-sale as the
others did by retail, are not these People think you mad? Or
these *Hectoring Bully-Ruff Blazes*, that will go a Serenading
at 12, breaking Windows, engaging with Constables, and
driving the Watchmen Lambskins about the Street; choosing
rather to be drunk and to sleep in the Round-house, than in
a warm Bed and a whole Skin, are not these Men stark mad?
Or of those that are Horn-mad, and not contented with a pri-
vate Disgrace, must publish it to the World; do not these
Men deserve Bedlam? And is not that Tradesman mad that
will trust other People so long that nobody will trust him?
The Creditor mad, that rather than abate the Interest, will
lose the Principal, and make Dice of his Debtors Bones? Cer-
tainly these and a thousand more deserve to be lodged in
Bedlam, were not the Place designed only for such as are de-
prived of their Wits, which (as to be supposed) these I have
mentioned never had.

Bring Men only fit to drink good Wine

Of Perfidious, Brain-purging Bellies.

And indeed seriously to consider the Follies and Extrava-
gancies of this Age, especially of two Sorts of People, viz.
Those who have store of Money and no Wit, and those who
have store of Wit and no Money, it would make the *Philosophers*
weep, himself blind, and *Democritus* laugh his Spleen with
laughing. As also of some Men who have been accounted
great Politicians, richly landed, and plentifully stocked with
store of Money, wanting nothing in this World but Content,
yet have rashly run themselves upon such pernicious Courses
and traitorous Practices, as have brought down the whole
Block, forfeited their Estates, and ruined their Family. As
likewise some roaring Gallants well defaced, and exactly
brought up, who wanting Money to maintain their Extrava-
gancies, rather than betake themselves to some honest Em-
ployment whereby to gain a Livelihood, chuse rather to turn

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High-Way-Men, and so purchase the Reward of a Gallies.

*Are not these Actions done for want of wit?
And therefore Bodiam is for them most fit.*

Now *Jupiter* being in a Trochil with *Venus*, and in a Con-
tile Aspect with *Mercury*, this portends good Luck to those
who marry rich Wives, which are not talkative in their Sec-
rets. The fallen Planet *Saturn* is retrograde to *Mars*, and ill po-
sited in the seventh House, this may prove fatal to Pick-pock-
ets, Shop-lifts, Priggers of Prancers, and Gentlemen of the
High-pad, who may chance to look through a hempen Cal-
cament at the three-corner'd Tree betwixt *London* and *Padding-
ton*, for when *Saturn* is so posited, it always happens that, as
the Laureat Poet *Spenser* hath it in his *Fairy Queen*.

Under all disposed Skits,

When fullen Saturn sits i'th' House of Obloquies.

Again, we find *Mars* to be in the fiery Trigon, and in full
Opposition to *Luna*; this presages domestick Jars, Quarrels,
Debates, and Bickerings betwixt divers sorts of People, Men
and their Wives contending about the Superiority of the
Breaches, Boys quarrelling at Span-fairing about the meas-
uring Cast, great Tongue-combats at *Billing-gate* betwixt the
Oyster-wives and Orange-women, calling, and not miscalling
one another by the laudable Names of Slur, Whore, Jade,
and drunken Bitch. It also presages that Brokers shall be so
honest they will not take above forty in the hundred, for
which their Conscienceless I think they deserve hanging as
well as High-way-men.

*And when Jack Kerch doth catch them in his Clutches,
His Limbs bestow'd on them he never grudges.*

The fly *Mercury* is Dominus fac satum in the fourth House; in
the grand *Sophy* of *Perfideware*, for he is nearly concern'd there-
in *Solis* culminating in the House of *Cancer*, this prognosticates
that a great many Locks will be worn on *St. Tassies Day*. It also
says plainly, that many Tradesmen, notwithstanding they go
to Church, yet in their Hearts are meer Atheists, for if they
thought rationally that after this Life there is a Heaven to re-
ward, and a Hell to punish, they would not so cheat and co-
zen as they do.

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*Who though of Christians they have got the Name,
 Do all such things as might the Devil shame.*

Again we find *Jove* and *Mercury* in Conjunction, but *Venus* and old *Chronus* in Opposition; this prognosticates a great Slaughter of Cocks on *Shrove-munday* and *Shrove-tuesday*, also that many poor Ignorant Calves shall be killed against *Easter*, and as many Swine against the Festival of *Christmas*. Thus how many thousands of Cattle die for to preserve poor wretched Man's Life! But hear what *Sir Philip Sidney* saith in his never dying *Arcadia*.

Thou art of blood, joy not to see things bleed.

Thou fearest Death, think they are loath to die.

A Plains of guiltless Harts dost pierce the Skie.

And thus have I given you my *Astrological* Judgments on the foregoing Scheme, and I think to the purpose too. I shall now give you a Catalogue of our annual Writers, and so draw towards a Conclusion. *Parker, Andrews, Salmon, Cal-ly, Galsbury, Partridge*, (I put these two together because they agree so lovingly) *Saunders, Tanner, Woodward, Patten*, star Almanack, *City and Country Chapmans Almanack, VVing, Rider, Gallen, Goldsmith, Culyper, Dads, Dear, Du-um, Fly, Fowle, Perkins, Pease, Rejs, Swallow, Tringe, De-az, Woodhouse, VVhite, Fly, New, &c.*

And lastly I, Apollo's Mission,

None like so me for a Prognosticator.

How to make Coffee alias Nummy broth.

TAKE Kennel Water, Soot, and burnt Cruffs, of each a Proportion according to the Quantity of Coffee you intend to make; boil these Ingredients together in an Iron Pot that is as black without and within as the poor sootied Fiend, or the Collier of *Credon*, when they are well incorporated together, let a fat Hostess serve it up in white earthen Pots, and it is as good Coffee as the black broth which the *Lacedemonians* used to drink in their most serious Con-
 sultations.

It is also very good against a Clap.

And will be the more drunk because of that.

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How to butter Turneps and serve them up.

TAKE your Hackney Turneps, and put them into your Spail'd, and stey as they come out of the Ground, in your Water but jell cover them, 'tis no matter whether it be clean or no, so let them stew for a while, and when you have them soft, put into your Mouth a good Glob or Piece of Butter, roll it about your Mouth with your Tongue, till it be all melted, then spurr it out all over your Turneps and strew them over with Tobacco, and so serve them.

*This way of buttering Turneps as 'th's said
Is by the Irish us'd and practis'd.*

How to make a Loaf of Bread dance upon a Table.

TAKE a Quill, filling the same with Quicksilver, and taping it close, thrust the same after into a hot Loaf, and draw out of the Oven, and the Loaf will dance about the Table. Afterwards you may eat up the Quicksilver.

For why Quicksilver is not good to eat,

Veal, Pork, Beef, Mutton, being better Meat.

To cure Corns.

TAKE the strongest Aqua-fortis you can get, and drop a Spoonful on your Corn, and it will not only eat away your Corn, but your Toe also; so you may be sure, your Corn will not come there any more.

*And this is all which I this Year shall pen,
Next Year expect to hear of me agen.*

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